

REMARKS

This Reply is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 1, 2008. Claims 1, 3, 6-14, 17-33, 35, 37-41, 44-58, 61-68, and 71-88 remain present this application. Claims 2, 4, 5, 15, 16, 34, 36, 42, 43, 59, 60, 69, 70, and 89-91 have been cancelled. In the present Office Action: claims 1-4, 6-7, 12-20, 22-37, 41, 42, 44-47, 49-59, 61, 62, 67-72, and 74-91 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,943,402 (hereinafter "Hamel.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,243 (hereinafter "Valco"); claims 8-10, 38, 40 and 63-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamel in view of Valco and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,970,906 (hereinafter "Parsons"); claims 11, 21, 39, 48, and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamel in view of Valco and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,736 (hereinafter "Haddock").

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 33, and 57 and dependent claims 3, 6, 7, 14, 17-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-30, 35, 37, 41, 44-47, 49, 50, 52-54, 58, 61, 62, 67, 68, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77-79, and 82-88 for clarification of Applicants' claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of the claims amendments, as the claim amendments put the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. More specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1, 33, and 57 to make clear that each voice mail message has a corresponding bookmarked message that includes multiple bookmarks, at least two of which are used to mark respective segments (of the voice mail message) as having degrees of importance (that are different for some of the respective segments). Applicants respectfully submit that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method, a system, or a computer-readable medium that creates (or is configured to create) a bookmarked message (from a voice mail message) that includes multiple bookmarks, at least two of which are used to mark respective segments (of the voice mail message) as having degrees of importance (that are different for some of the respective segments).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' independent claims 1, 33, and 57 are allowable over the applied art of record, alone or in combination. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 3, 6-14, 17-32, 35, 37-41, 44-56, 58, 61-68, and 71-88 are also allowable for at least the reason that the claims depend on allowable claims.

Prior to action on this Reply, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner. The undersigned attorney may be reached at (512) 617-5521.

Respectfully submitted

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